



Capt. MARVEL

WHIZ
COMICS

PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST
MAN-POWERFUL CHAMPION
OF JUSTICE-RELENTLESS
ENEMY OF EVIL

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**CAPTAIN
MARVEL**





THE SEVEN DEADLY ENEMIES OF MAN

MUSTERING HIS COURAGE THE BOY ENTERS AN ANCIENT UNDERGROUND HALL, CARVED OUT OF SOLID ROCK, GROTESQUELY LIGHTED BY FLARING TORCHES.

PRIDE

ENVY

GREED

HATRED

SELFISHNESS

LAZINESS

WRATH

WELCOME
BILLY BATSON

AN OLD, OLD MAN, SITTING ON A MARBLE THRONE AT THE FAR END OF THE CAVERN, SPEAKS AS THEY APPROACH.

H-HOW DID
YOU KNOW
MY NAME?

I KNOW
EVERYTHING.
I AM —

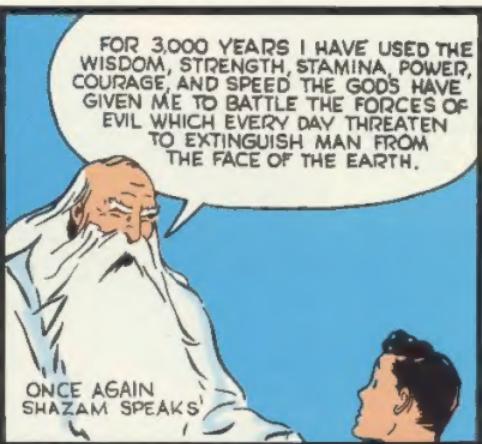
A HUGE BLACK CLOUD-A BLINDING LIGHTNING FLASH-A DEAFENING PEAL OF THUNDER FORM OUT OF NOWHERE AS THE OLD MAN SPEAKS HIS NAME —

SHAZAM!

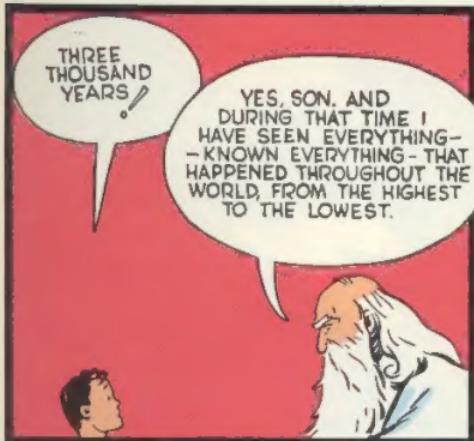
CRASH



SIMULTANEOUSLY A CURIOUS INSCRIPTION, EXPLAINING SHAZAM'S NAME, APPEARS MAGICALLY ON THE WALL



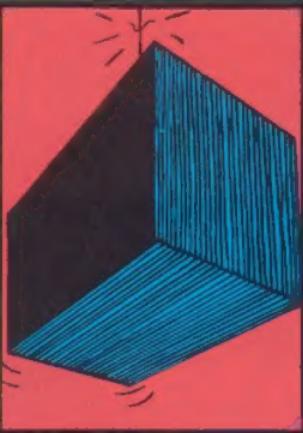
ONCE AGAIN
SHAZAM SPEAKS'



THROUGH THIS HISTORAMA I HAVE WATCHED YOU FROM THE MOMENT YOU WERE BORN, BILLY. ON THIS SCREEN I SAW YOUR WICKED UNCLE DRIVE YOU FROM HIS HOUSE TO MAKE YOUR OWN WAY IN THE WORLD AFTER YOUR PARENTS DIED, LEAVING YOU IN HIS CARE.



DIRECTLY ABOVE SHAZAM'S HEAD A MASSIVE GRANITE BLOCK, WEIGHING TONS, HANGS FROM A SLENDER, FRAYED THREAD. IF THE THREAD BROKE, THE GRANITE WOULD CRUSH THE OLD MAN TO POWDER. AND THE THREAD IS ALMOST WORN THROUGH



ALL MY LIFE I HAVE FOUGHT INJUSTICE AND CRUELTY, BUT I AM OLD NOW - MY TIME IS ALMOST UP. YOU SHALL BE MY SUCCESSOR MERELY BY SPEAKING MY NAME YOU CAN BECOME THE STRONGEST AND MIGHTIEST MAN IN THE WORLD -

CAPTAIN MARVEL!



SHAZAM!



BLAM!

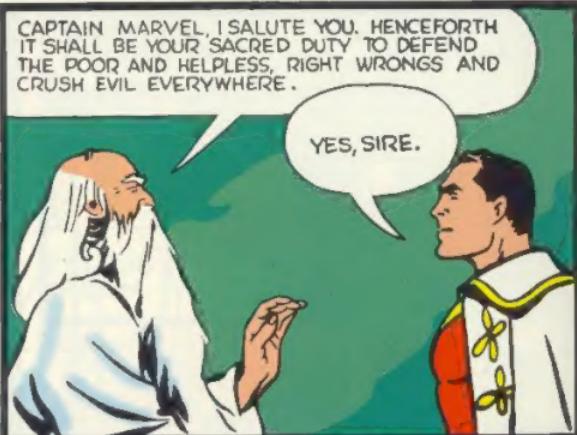


CAPTAIN MARVEL, I SALUTE YOU. HENCEFORTH IT SHALL BE YOUR SACRED DUTY TO DEFEND THE POOR AND HELPLESS, RIGHT WRONGS AND CRUSH EVIL EVERYWHERE.

YES, SIRE.



AS BILLY SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD HE BECOMES CAPTAIN MARVEL!



TO BECOME BILLY BATSON AGAIN, ALSO SPEAK MY NAME. AND NOW I MUST GO. CAPTAIN MARVEL, SPEAK MY NAME!



SHAZAM



THROUGH THE BLINDING FLASH OF THE LIGHTNING BOLT, CAPTAIN MARVEL SEES THE GRANITE BLOCK FALLING ON SHAZAM.

A MOMENT LATER BILLY FINDS HIMSELF STANDING AT HIS OLD POST. SHAZAM, CAPTAIN MARVEL AND THE WEIRD UNDERGROUND CAVERNS HAVE VANISHED.



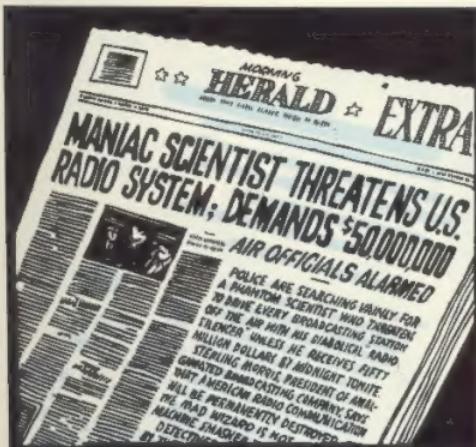
SUBWAY



NEXT
MORNING



EXTRA!
EXTRA!
READ ALL
ABOUT IT!

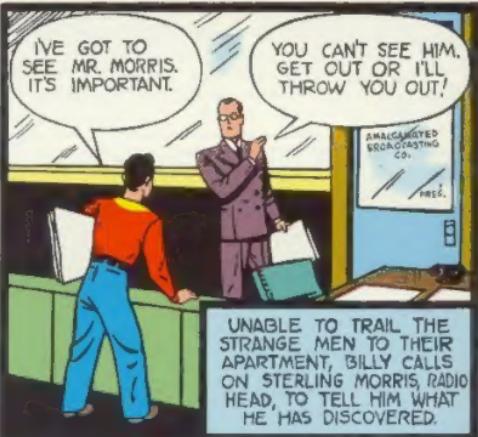


GIMME A PAPER, KID.



SHUT UP YOU FOOL. COME ON, LET'S GET GOING.

I WONDER WHAT THEY MEANT? GEE! MAYBE "THE BOSS" IS THE PHANTOM SCIENTIST! I'D BETTER FOLLOW THEM.



- AND I FOLLOWED THEM TO THE SKYTOWER APARTMENTS. I'LL BET THEY WERE GOING TO SEE THE PHANTOM!

THE SKYTOWER APARTMENTS? NONSENSE, BOY. WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME HE LIVES AT CITY HALL? OR IN THE CAPITOL AT WASHINGTON?



THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER, BOY. I'M IN NO MOOD FOR JOKING ABOUT IT. YOU'D BETTER GO BEFORE I LOSE MY TEMPER.

BUT THE RADIO OFFICIAL RIDICULES HIS SUSPICIONS

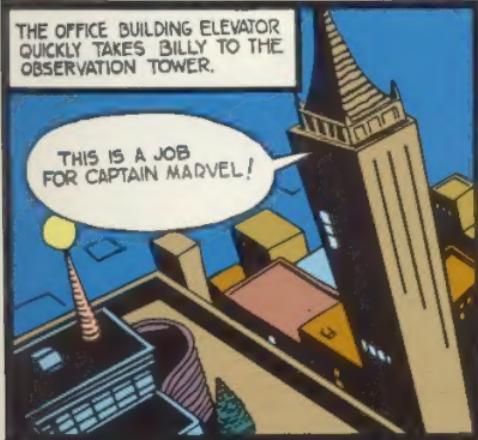
ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO, BUT IF I FIND THE PHANTOM'S LABORATORY, WILL YOU GIVE ME A JOB AS A RADIO ANNOUNCER?

A JOB? I'LL GIVE YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT IF YOU FIND THIS MADMAN. AND NOW GET OUT. I CAN'T WASTE ANY MORE TIME LISTENING TO NONSENSE.



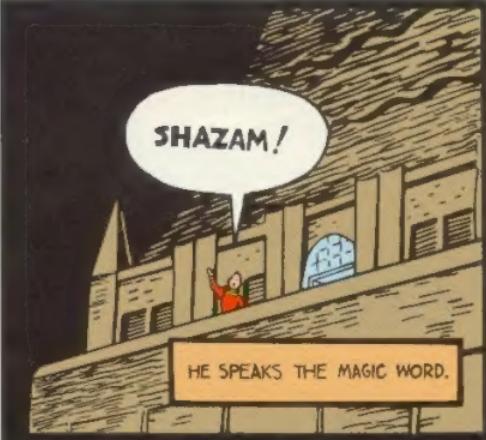
THE OFFICE BUILDING ELEVATOR QUICKLY TAKES BILLY TO THE OBSERVATION TOWER.

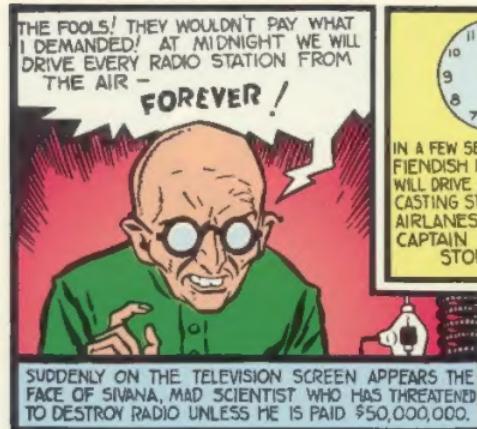
THIS IS A JOB FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL!



SHAZAM!

HE SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD.





WITH NOT A SECOND TO SPARE, HE SMASHES THE RADIO-SILENCER INTO SMITHEREENS.



THE OTHER MAN RACES FOR THE PRIVATE ELEVATOR -



- AND SLAMS THE DOOR BEHIND HIM.



FLEXING HIS POWERFUL MUSCLES, MARVEL PULLS THE DOOR OPEN.

- GRIPS THE ELEVATOR CABLE IN STEEL-LIKE HANDS-



- AND HAULS THE CAR BACK TO THE PENTHOUSE.

IN A MOMENT BOTH OF SIVANA'S TERRIFIED ASSISTANTS ARE SECURELY BOUND WITH TUBING RIPPED FROM THE RADIO-SILENCER.

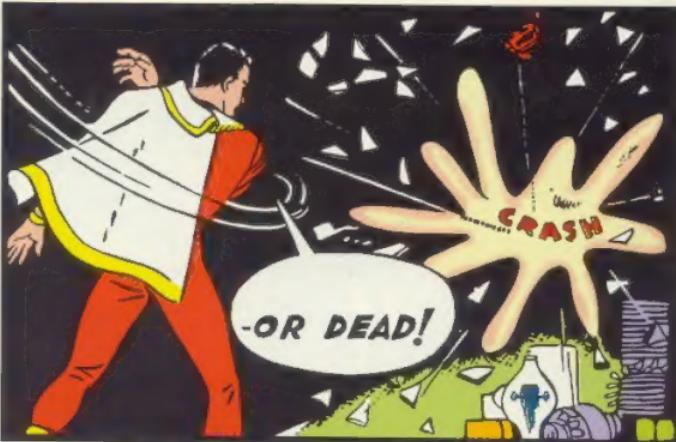


WELL, SIVANA, THAT'S THE END OF YOUR RADIO-SILENCER.

BUT NOT THE END OF ME! WE WILL MEET AGAIN - CAPTAIN MARVEL !

HIS WORK COMPLETED, MARVEL CONFRONTS THE SCHEMING SCIENTIST, WHO HAS WATCHED EVERYTHING THROUGH THE TELEVISION SCREEN.-

YES, SIVANA, WE WILL MEET AGAIN. AND WHEN WE DO AGAIN YOU WILL BE BEHIND PRISON WALLS —



WELL, I GUESS THAT OUGHT TO HOLD OUR FRIEND SIVANA FOR AWHILE, AND NOW—

SHAZAM!

CAPTAIN MARVEL SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD.

GOOOOM!

LIGHTNING SPLITS
THE AIR.

MR. MORRIS? THIS IS BILLY BATSON. COME RIGHT OVER TO THE SKYTOWER APARTMENT PENTHOUSE. I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU.



RESUMING HIS NORMAL SHAPE BILLY TELEPHONES THE RADIO COMPANY PRESIDENT.

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO PROMISE YOU WON'T TELL ANYBODY THAT I SMASHED THE RADIO SILENCER. I'VE STILL GOT TO CAPTURE SIVANA AND IT WILL BE EASIER IF NOBODY KNOWS WHO I AM. SO NOW I'LL GET OUT OF HERE AND YOU CAN CALL THE POLICE.



VERY WELL,
SON, I PROMISE.

A HALF HOUR LATER
BILLY TELLS MR. MORRIS
EVERYTHING - EXCEPT
ABOUT CAPTAIN
MARVEL.

IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE
THAT YOU DID THIS ALL BY
YOURSELF.



-AND THAT'S WHAT'S
LEFT OF THE RADIO-
SILENCER, SIR.

BY THE WAY, MR. MORRIS,
HOW ABOUT THAT JOB YOU
PROMISED ME?
DO I GET IT?

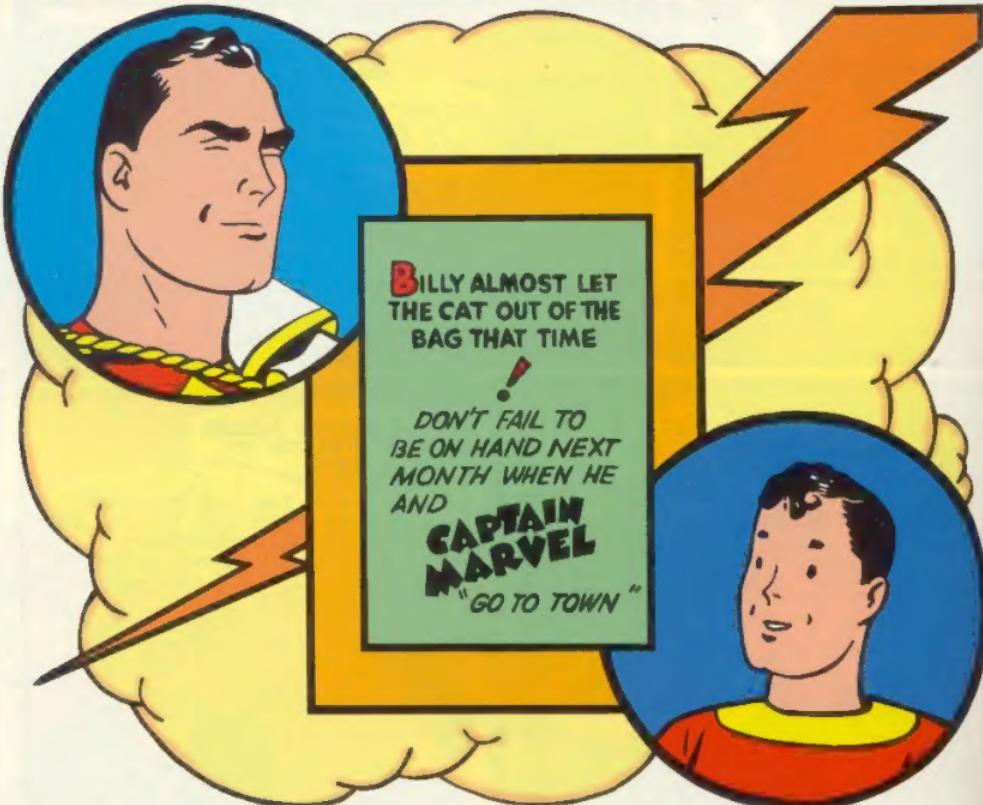
THE JOB IS YOURS!
FROM NOW ON YOU ARE
BILLY BATSON -
RADIO REPORTER!



BILLY BATSON, RADIO
REPORTER! BOY, OH, BOY!
HERE'S WHERE WE
GO TO TOWN!
ME AND —



—ER - NOBODY,
SIR . JUST ME AND THE
MICROPHONE . THAT'S ALL,
SIR - JUST ME, AND
"MIKE" !



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